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To: Field Managers, Nevada

From: State Director, Nevada

Subject: Communication Site Five-Year Action Plan

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The Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 Interim Annual Work Plan (IAWP) directs each State to prepare an action plan for completing communication site management plans for their priority sites. States that do not prepare an action plan risk forfeiture of a portion of their 1492 allocation for FY 2004.

Please identify your high priority sites for completing communication site management plans and provide the information requested in the attached table. Also attached are completed action plans for Idaho and Montana to aid you in the preparation of the table. Your tables need to be submitted to the State Office by March 24, 2003. The State Office will consolidate the tables for each Field Office in to one table as part of an action plan for Nevada.

If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Samuelson, at 775-861-6532.



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3 Attachments

1. Table for Action Plan (1p)
2. Idaho Action Plan (3 pp)
3. Montana Action Plan (3 pp)

FIVE-YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR COMPLETING COMMUNICATION SITE MANAGEMENT PLANS

Communication Site Name	Field Office	Cadastral Survey Needed Y/N	Site Plan Completed (Year)	Legal Access to Site Y/N	BLM Facility Present Y/N	Users Association Formed Y/N	Comments
Year 1							
Year 2							
Year 3							
Year 4							
Year 5							

IDAHO - FIVE-YEAR COMMUNICATION SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN
(ACTIVITY PLAN)
(March 2002)

As required by the Supplemental FY 2002 AWP Directives, a 5+ year schedule has been developed (attached) for the completion of Communication Site Management Plans for all high-priority communication sites located on BLM-administered land throughout the State. The plan includes a schedule for the completion of site surveys as well as for the writing of final site management plans.

The plan shows a number of communication sites for which BLM does not currently have legal access. Over the course of the five-year plan, the acquisition of access easements to these sites will be pursued, time and funding permitting. Easements involving State of Idaho land will be pursued first since these easements should not be difficult to obtain.

At this time the Idaho Falls and Pocatello Field Offices have identified high-priority communication sites that are of concern and which would benefit from a joint BLM-FCC compliance examination. Efforts will be made to schedule a joint compliance examination for Chinese Peak and Howard Mountain in 2002, and for East Butte in 2004. Thereafter, one joint BLM-FCC compliance examination will be scheduled every "even-numbered" year assuming a formal exam is determined to be beneficial and cost effective. During "odd-numbered" years, at least 5 compliance examinations of individual communication facilities will be scheduled with the appropriate Field Office Radio Tech or with support from the ISO telecommunication specialists (ID 954).

Beginning in the 6th year, additional lower-priority sites may be added to the Site Management Plan list and a new priority list would then be developed. Future management plans may be needed for certain low-priority sites due to increased site interest or activity, due to new technology changes or requirements, or for other significant reasons.

Communication Site Name	Field Office	Survey Finalized (Year)	Site Plan Finalized (Year)	Legal Access To Site	BLM Facility Present	User Association Formed	FCC Exam Scheduled (Year)	Survey Update Needed
Menan Butte	Idaho Falls	2003 or 4	2005	Pending	No	No		n/a
War Eagle	Owyhee	2003 or 4	2005	No	No	No		n/a
St. Joe Baldy	Coeur d'Alene	2003 or 4	2005	???	No	Yes		n/a
Davis Mountain	Shoshone	2003 or 4	2005	Yes	No	No		n/a
Queens Crown	Shoshone	2003 or 4	2005	No	No	No		n/a
Year 5								
Kinzie Butte	Shoshone	2004 or 5	2006	Yes	No	No		n/a
Dietrich Butte	Shoshone	2004 or 5	2006	Yes	No	No		n/a
Sweetzer	Burley	2004 or 5	2006	Yes	No	No		n/a
Salmon Butte	Burley	2004 or 5	2006	Yes	No	No		n/a
Willow Creek Summit	Challis	2004 or 5	2006	No	No	No		n/a
Year 6								
Telegraph Hill	Idaho Falls	2004 or 5	2007	Yes	No	No		n/a
Poverty Flat	Challis	Pre-2002	2007	Yes	To Be Moved (2002)	No		Low Priority
Other Lower Priority Sites, if needed								

5-YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF
COMMUNICATION SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN
(April 3, 2002)

As required by the Supplemental FY 2002 AWP Directives, a 5-year schedule has been developed (attached) for the completion of Communication Site Management Plans for high priority communication sites located on BLM-administered land throughout the State of Montana. In addition to writing of the final site plans, the plan shows a number of communication sites for which BLM does not currently have legal access. Over the course of the 5-year plan, the acquisition of access easements to these sites will be pursued, time and funding permitting. Needs for cadastral survey are identified and will be pursued as time and funding permit prior to finalization of a communication site management plan.

Additional lower priority sites may be added to the Site Management Plan list and a new priority list would then be developed. Future management plans may be needed for certain low priority sites due to increased site interest or activity, due to new technology changes or requirements, or for other significant reasons.

5-YEAR SCHEDULE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF
COMMUNICATION SITE MANAGEMENT PLANS
(April 3, 2002)

Communication Site Name	Field Office	Cadastral Survey Needed Y / N	Site Plan Finalized * Target	Legal Access To Site Y / N	BLM Facility Present Y / N	User Association Formed Y / N	Comments
Year 1							
South Moccasin Mountain	Lewistown	N	2002*	N	N	N	Need easement for access
Bull Mountain	Butte	Y	2002*	Y	Y	N	
Year 2							
Rosebud Buttes	Miles City		2003*		N		
Judith Peak	Lewistown	Y	2003*	Y	Y	inactive	
Maurer Mountain	Dillon	N	2003*	Y&N	Y	inactive	1983 plan outdated; Need easement for access on main route to site.
Limestone Hills	Butte	Y	2003*	Y&N	N	N	MT ANG issue; need access along primary route.
Boulder	Butte	Y	2003*	Y	N	N	
Year 3							
Mount Belmont	Butte	Y	2004*	Y	Y	N	in Ski area
Wicks/Boulder Hill	Butte	N	2004*	Y	N	N	
Bear Trap	Dillon	N	2004*	Y	Y	N	

Communication Site Name	Field Office	Cadastral Survey Needed Y / N	Site Plan Finalized * Target	Legal Access To Site Y / N	BLM Facility Present Y / N	User Association Formed Y / N	Comments
Year 1							
Year 4							
Pipe Organ	Dillon	N	2005*	Y	N	N	
Armstead Mountain	Dillon	N	2005*	N	N	N	need easement for access
Montana City	Butte	N	2005*	N	N	N	
Toston	Butte	Y	2005*	Y	N	N	
Year 5							